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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: IS, PINS, PLO
SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP CAPUCCI TO BE FREED

1. ARCHBISHOP HILARION CAPUCCI, ARRESTED AND SENTENCED
IN 1974 (TO A 12 YEAR TERM) FOR SMUGGLING WEAPONS
INTO ISRAEL FOR AL FATAH, IS TO BE RELEASED FROM
PRISON AND DEPORTED SHORTLY, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI
PRESS REPORTS. CAPUCCI'S RELEASE IS EXPECTED TO
FOLLOW UPON A REQUEST FROM THE VATICAN WHICH WILL
RESULT IN A PRESIDENTIAL REDUCTION OF SENTENCE.

2. THE ISRAELIS HAVE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED ASSURANCES
FROM THE VATICAN THAT UPON CAPUCCI'S RELEASE HE
WILL NOT ENGAGE IN PRO-ARAB PROPAGANDA.
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME PRESS REPORTS
THAT CAPUCCI'S RELEASE IS IN RESPONSE TO APPEALS
FROM FOREIGN POWERS, THE MFA SPOKESMAN TOLD
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REPORTERS OCTOBER 31 THAT HIS RELEASE WAS ON
ISRAEL'S INITIATIVE.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD FROM PREVIOUS
CONVERSATIONS THAT THE GOI HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN
LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RELEASE
CAPUCCI. FOR ONE THING, THE ISRAELIS PROBABLY

WANT TO ENSURE THAT HE NO LONGER WILL EVOKE RELEASE
DEMANDS FROM COMMANDO GROUPS. ISRAEL PROBABLY WANTS
ALSO TO GAIN A FEW POINTS WITH THE VATICAN, ESPECIALLY
IN VIEW OF RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS
(SEE ROME 17356 -,\$ 17440). FOR ITS PART, THE VATICAN
CAN REAP SOME PUBLIC RELATIONS GAIN AND CAN POSSIBLY
ENHANCE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
BY POINTING TO ITS ROLE IN GAINING THE RELEASE OF
THE GREEK ARCHBISHOP CAPUCCI.
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